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1. On 16 April 1954, the Kindel troop training ground was only lightly occupied. Soviet army units and KVP engaged in joint practices.  25X1  
 an airfield was under construction near Mechterstaedt and new training grounds in Lauchaer Wald (forest). At about 2 p.m. on 16 April, about 300 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and carrying submachine guns and carbines, 8 trucks and 8 x 82-mm mortars were unloaded at Eisenach freight station. 1
2. At about 6 p.m. on 17 April, a troop train with 25 trucks, 12 carloads of iron-bridge building materiel, pontoons and about 400 troops passed through Koethen railroad station toward Calbe from the direction of Dessau.  25X1  
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3.  the troops who had been detrained at Spereenberg railroad station on 20 April moved into tent camp just east of Hege Lake. The engineer 25X1 unit numbered about 500 men who were equipped with amphibious car  and pneumatic rafts.  25X1  
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4. At 7:30 a.m. on 28 April, a column of 25 trucks  25X1 and at least 7 x 122-mm field howitzers was seen driving from Jueterbog freight station toward Markendorf.  the troops to 25X1 have been unloaded. At 7:30 a.m. on 28 April, about 15 T-34/85 tanks  25X1  
 about 10 armored personnel carriers, about 10 trucks  
 about 8 tank trucks, 1 radio truck, 2 jeeps and about 200 25X1 men were detrained at Jueterbog freight station. At 5 p.m. on 28 April, about 25 T-34/85 tanks  25X1  
 about 35 trucks  25X1  
 radio truck  and about 10 armored personnel 25X1 carriers and about 500 troops were detrained at Jueterbog freight station. Between 2 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 28 April, columns and individual vehicles were seen en route toward Neues Lager and Wender Markendorf training grounds from the direction of Wittenberg. The trucks were loaded with ballistics equipment.

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On 28 April, 1 truck column of about 25 trucks with billeting equipment [ ] drove to Neues Lager from the direction of Treuenbrietzen.

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5. At 10:30 a.m. on 28 April, about 20 T-34/85 tanks [ ] and 15 trucks [ ] were parked at Jueterbog freight station. At about 1:15 p.m. on 28 April, a column of 20 trucks with billeting equipment [ ] entered Neues Lager at Jueterbog.

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6. On 26 April, preparations for entraining operations and the assembly of flatcars with sideracks were observed at Wittenberg railroad station. The barracks installations were still occupied to capacity that day. 4

1. Comment. The infantry unit detrained on 16 April presumably belongs to the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. [ ] Laucha is located southeast of the troop training area. No confirmation has been received that a new training ground was under construction.

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2. Comment. [ ] unidentified engineer regiment of the GORG in Bernburg. Information tends to indicate that elements of the regiment must have been in the summer training area south of Aken in mid-April. The units presumably returned to Bernburg on 17 April. [ ] only advance parties in the training area between 9 and 16 April. [ ]

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3. Comment. On 18 and 19 April, 2 trains with a total of 32 converted boxcars and 7 boxcars and 62 flatcars were shipped from Bernburg to Zossen-Spremburg. The trains are definitely believed to have carried those elements of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GORG from Bernburg which were observed at the unloading station on 20 April and in the bivouac at Hege Lake.

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Hege Lake is the water training site of the 35th Engr Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mech Army stationed in the Kaserne at Schunke Lake (3441). The transfer with amphibious cars of major elements of the engineer regiment of the GORG to the garrison training area of an army engineer regiment is indicative of a special training project. [ ]

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[ ] There is reason to believe that the engineer regiment was to hold demonstration practices at Hege Lake for army engineer troops concerning the construction of hasty bridges. [ ]

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4. Comment. [ ] the 6th Gds Tank Div, i.e. the 51st Gds Tank Regt, started transferring to the summer camp at Werder-Markendorf. [ ] the entraining of a tank battalion in Wittenberg on 27 April. [ ] The column of 20 to 25 trucks, [ ] entered Neues Lager, also belonged to the 6th Gds Tank Div.

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